



## THE 52<sup>ND</sup> IAC CONGRESS & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*"INHERITANCE AND INNOVATION"*

27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2026 - JINGDEZHEN, CHINA

### PROGRAMME

#### Saturday 27 June 2026

*Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre*

09:00 PRE-REGISTRATION (Collection of accreditation and documentation), open from 9:00 until midnight. Attendees are strongly advised to collect their accreditation on this day if they are already in Jingdezhen.

LOCAL TOURS (free entrance to the sites but self-supported on transportation and meals)

00:00 End of Day 1

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#### Sunday 28 June 2026

*Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre*

08:00 Welcome Coffee / Collection of accreditation and documentation (if not already collected on Saturday)

09:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY I  
- IAC members only -

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 52<sup>ND</sup> IAC CONGRESS  
Welcome speeches by the Jingdezhen Hosts (Jingdezhen Municipality and Jingdezhen Ceramic University), Honoured Citizen of Jingdezhen, Wayne Higby, and IAC President Oriol Calvo Vergés

12:00 GROUP PHOTO

**Location: Hyatt Hotel**

12:30 Lunch and free time

**Location: Taoxichuan Art Museum**

14:00 EXHIBITION OPENINGS

1. IAC International Members' Exhibition
2. IAC International Residencies' Exhibition
3. IAC New Members' Exhibition

16:00 AFTERNOON CIRCUITS

1. Ancient Kiln Museum, Jingdezhen China Ceramics Museum, Changnali Art-Toy Town
2. Imperial Kiln Museum, Mingfang Ceramic Park

**Location: Taoxichuan Traders Hotel**

18:30 Opening Dinner (buffet)

**Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre**

20:00 CEREMONIES

- 2025 IAC New Members' Ceremony
- IAC Members of Distinction Award Ceremony

22:00 End of Day 2

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## Monday 29 June 2026

**Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre**

8:00 Welcome Coffee

9:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

- Introduction by Moderator Lyu Pinchang (China)
- Keynote "*Shadows and Shards*" by Wayne Higby (United States)
- Q&A

9:40 LECTURE: "*Jingdezhen Model: A New Development Model that Uses Art as an Endogenous Driving Force to Leverage Heritage Resources*" by Fang Lili (China)

10:00 LECTURE: "*Tradition & Jingdezhen*" by Takeshi Yasuda (Japan)

10:20 Coffee Break

10:50 LECTURE: "*A Study of Yuan Dynasty Official Kilns and Yuan Blue and White Porcelain Based on Archaeological Data and Related Literature*" by Jiang Jianxin (China)

11:10 LECTURE: "*Kogei Meets Contemporary Art: The History of Japanese Ceramics from Postmodernism to Today*" by Tetsuya Tanaka (Japan)

- 11:30 Q&A and PANEL DISCUSSION
- 12:00 IAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS  
by Kay Aplin (United Kingdom), Tomás Carpio (Ecuador), Andile Dyalvane (South Africa), Cecil Kemperink (The Netherlands), Zhaojing Wang (China)

**Location: Hyatt Hotel**

- 12:30 Lunch and free time

**Location: Jingdezhen Ceramic University (JCU), Xianghu campus**

- 14:00 EXHIBITION OPENINGS  
1. Jingdezhen International Ceramic Art Biennale 2026  
2. National Exhibition
- 16:00 OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES  
1. Roundtables (*IAC members only*) - JCU International Academic Report Hall  
2. "Ceramic Road"- International Ceramic Education Alliance Symposium – JCU General Conference Hall  
3. Afternoon circuits (Non-members only)
- 18:30 Dinner Buffet at JCU Canteen
- 19:30 Transfer from JCU to Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

**Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre**

- 20:00 IAC/UNESCO EVENING
- Opening words by the Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO, Yang Xinyu, the President of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, Svetlomira Stoyanova, and the IAC Representative to UNESCO, Patty Wouters.
  - PRESENTATIONS:
    1. "Memories of the World" by Guangzhen Zhou, Phyllis Kudder-Sullivan & Patty Wouters
    2. "Tibet Ethnic Research, information about the dedicated film" by Lu Bin and Xu Ying
    3. "Lumu Golden Brick" by Tan Hongyu and Jin Jin
    4. "Collaborating for Cultural Preservation and Innovation of Ceramic Culture" by Zhenyu Xiong, President of Jingdezhen University.
- 22:00 End of Day 3
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**Tuesday 30 June 2026**

**Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre**

- 8:00 Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

- Introduction by Moderator Wang Luxiang (China)
- Keynote *"The Development of Contemporary Chinese Ceramic Art: Perspectives from Domestic and International Exhibitions and Studio Residency Program Models"* by Bai Ming (China)
- Q&A

- 9:40 LECTURE: *"Be Yourself"* by Piet Stockmans (Belgium)
- 10:00 LECTURE: *"Joint presentation on Residency Programmes"* by Li Chao (China), Rebecca Harvey (United States), Ranti Tjan (The Netherlands)
- 10:40 Coffee Break
- 11:10 LECTURE: *"Research on the International Ceramic Artist Residency Program in China"* by Jun Wang (China)
- 11:30 Q&A and PANEL DISCUSSION
- 12:00 IAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS  
by Karina Garrett (Argentina), Sinying Ho (United States), Nurdian Ichsan (Indonesia), Jason Lim (Singapore), Huang Weihong (China)

**Location: Hyatt Hotel**

- 12:30 Lunch and free time

**Location: Taoxichuan Art Museum**

- 14:00 EXHIBITION VISITS
1. IAC International Members' Exhibition
  2. IAC International Residencies' Exhibition
  3. IAC New Members' Exhibition
- 16:00 AFTERNOON CIRCUITS
1. Ancient Kiln Museum, Jingdezhen China Ceramics Museum, Changnali Art-Toy Town
  2. Imperial Kiln Museum, Mingfang Ceramic Park

**Location: Taoxichuan Traders Hotel**

- 18:30 Dinner Buffet

**Location: Mingfang Ceramic Park**

- 20:00 Tour of Mingfang Ceramic Park's galleries and workshops with live demonstrations
- 22:00 End of Day 4

**Wednesday 1 July 2026**

**Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre**

- 8:00 Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE
- Introduction by Moderator Benjamin Evans (United States)
  - Keynote "*From History to the Future: Ceramic Heritage Conservation and Cultural Renaissance in Jingdezhen*" by Zhang Jie (China)
  - Q&A
- 9:40 LECTURE: "*The Narrative of Time – Nirvana of Clay*" by Xu Cheng (China)
- 10:00 LECTURE: "*Carbon Footprint of Handmade Ceramics*" by Yuliya Makliuk (Ukraine)
- 10:20 Coffee Break
- 10:50 LECTURE: "*Recycling Glaze-Fired Ceramic Waste: Doing More and Better with Less*" by Shashank Nimkar (India)
- 11:10 LECTURE: "*Sustainability and Circular Economy in Ceramics*" by Sarban Chowdhury (India)
- 11:30 Q&A and PANEL DISCUSSION
- 12:00 IAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS  
by Roxana Cervantes (Mexico), Shayonti Salvi (India), Hitomi & Takuro Shibata (United States), Giorgos Vavatsis (Greece)

**Location: Hyatt Hotel**

- 12:30 Lunch and free time
- 13:45 AFTERNOON TRIP (*departure from Hyatt Hotel*)  
Kaolin Clay Mine Site, Yaoli Raonan Ancient Porcelain-making site, Tianbao Dragon Kiln

**Location: Taoxichuan Traders Hotel**

- 19:00 Buffet Dinner

**Location: Jingdezhen Grand Bowl – Global Contemporary Art Center in Changnali Art-Toy Town**

- 20:00 EXHIBITION VISITS  
Group Exhibitions of the Satellite Programme:
1. '*Ontologies of Touch*' – Oceania IAC members
  2. '*Postcards from the Monsoon Belt*' – Southeast Asia & India IAC members
  3. '*Throw Out Bricks to Attract Jade: World Ceramic from Miniatures to UNESCO Cultural Heritages*'
  4. '*Latin America: Territory and Ceramics*' – Latin America & Caribbean IAC members
- 22:00 End of Day 5
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## Thursday 2 July 2026

### Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

- 8:00 Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 KEYNOTE LECTURE
- Introduction by Moderator Misun Rheem (Republic of Korea)
  - Keynote "*Analog Embodiment and Digital Alienation*" by Robert Hassan (Australia)
- 9:40 LECTURE: "*Long Time No See, Chinese Rituals*" by Huang Chunmao (China)
- 10:00 LECTURE: "*Tapio Wirkkala and his remarkable collaboration with Rosenthal*" by Robert Suk (Germany)
- 10:20 Coffee Break
- 10:50 LECTURE: "*Artificial Intelligence Empowers Mass Innovation in Ceramics*" by Zhang Yuhang (China)
- 11:10 LECTURE: "*Ceramics in the Age of AI: Beyond the Echo Chamber*" by Jisun Kim, Jonghyun Jun, Minsik Lee (Republic of Korea)
- 11:30 Q&A and PANEL DISCUSSION
- 12:00 IAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS  
by Atelier Terre Maison Giscard (France), Jane Bamford (Australia), Srinia Chowdhury (India), Bernard Kerr (Australia), Thomas Schmidt (United States)

### Location: Hyatt Hotel

- 12:30 Lunch and free time

### Location: Taoxichuan Grand Theatre

- 14:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY II  
- IAC members only -
- 16:00 Coffee Break and Zodiac Exhibition Raffle
- 16:45 GENERAL ASSEMBLY II  
- IAC members only -

### Location: Taoxichuan Square

- 18:30 FAREWELL DINNER
- Performance with porcelain instruments
  - Pass the baton ceremony for the next IAC Congress host
  - Dinner & Party
- 22:00 End of Day 6

